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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Testimony on Intelligence
by General Collins.

The following is the text of the testimony of General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, before the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on 20 April 1953:

"The second recommendation that I made was that there should be only one military intelligence organization operating in the broad field of military intelligence. The three separate intelligence agencies in the Army, Navy and Air, in my judgment, should be combined into one and placed under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. There would still have to be left, in each service, a much smaller intelligence section because each service must continue to operate in the field of military intelligence with its organizations in the field, that is, in combat, in close combat.

"But in my personal judgment there is duplication between the three separate intelligence agencies of three services today. I believe that we would save personnel and it would be more prompt and effective if we could have the three intelligence agencies which deal in the broad field of intelligence combined and report directly to the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

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